

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10 to 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1 to 9, 15 and 18, as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus comprising:

an instruction input unit, arranged to input means for inputting a manual instruction by the operator;

a process unit, arranged to execute means for executing a predetermined process based on the input by said instruction input unit means;

a connection unit, arranged to connect means for connection with an external device;

a display unit, arranged to display means for displaying information based on data received from the external device through said connection unit means;

a discrimination unit, arranged to discriminate means for discriminating whether the input by said instruction input unit means has not been executed for a predetermined period after said instruction input unit inputs a predetermined instruction;

and

a control unit, arranged to cause means for causing said display unit means to execute display based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit means, in case said discrimination unit discriminated means judges that the input by said instruction input unit means has not been executed for the predetermined period.

2. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit means displays a display image frame different for each process function executed by said process unit means, and said control unit means controls the display based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit means, according to the display image frame for which the information is intended.

3. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said display unit means is adapted to display a display image frame of information based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit means and an operation image frame for input by said instruction input unit means.

4. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said display unit means is adapted to display, ~~in distinguished manner~~, a first display information to be displayed in place for the operation image frame for input by said instruction input unit means, based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit means, and a second display information to be displayed in the operation image frame.

5. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein said control unit means receives, by MIB (management information base), data for the information to be displayed by said display unit means, and executes reception from the external device through said connection unit means according to SNMP (simple network management protocol).

6. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein said control unit means receives, as electronic mail data, data of the information to be displayed by said display unit means, from the external device through said connection unit means.

7. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control unit means receives data of the information to be displayed by said display unit means, according to SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol)/POP (post office protocol).

8. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein said display unit means is capable of displaying information of plural display colors, and said control unit means is adapted to vary the display color according to the priority contained in the data received from the external device through said connection unit means.

9. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising accumulation unit means for storing plural files, wherein said control unit means is adapted to cause said display unit means to display information indicating the file accumulated in said accumulation unit means, with different display color according to the attribute of the file.

10 -14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A control method for a data processing apparatus ~~comprising~~ capable of executing a predetermined process based on a manual instruction by the operator and displaying various information on a display device, comprising:

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from an external device;

a discrimination step of discriminating whether the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for a predetermined period after the input of the predetermined instruction was input by the operator; and

65 a control step of causing said display device to execute display information based on the data received in said reception step, in case said discrimination step ~~judges~~ discriminates that the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for the predetermined period.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing a program for controlling a data processing apparatus ~~comprising~~ capable of executing a predetermined process based on a manual instruction by the operator and displaying various information on a display device, the program comprising:

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from an external device;

a discrimination step of discriminating whether the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for a predetermined period after the input of the predetermined instruction was input by the operator; and

615- a control step of causing said display device to execute display information based on the data received in said reception step, in case said discrimination step judges discriminates that the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for the predetermined period.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

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